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Champion featherweight of Great Britain, who has been abroad for two years and is now in Australia. His Lonsdale Belt has been returned to the National Sporting Club and may be put up for Competition.

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FISTIC COMMENTS.

DEMPSEY'S LATEST VICTORY.

There may not have been much of it, but Jack Dempsey got some easy money recenly for figuring in a bout at Memphis, Tenn. The information has come by mail that two thousand fight fans witnessed a less than a minute bout when Dutch Siefert, of Stuttgart, Ark., met Jack. Fory-five seconds after the gong sounded Siefert was down and in such distress that he knew nothing about the referee counting him out. The Arkansan, who weighed 16st. 11lb., went down under a terrific onslaught of rights and lefts to the head in a bout fought with four ounce gloves, and scheduled to go four rounds.

Two thousand people to see the world's heavyweight champion in action is a very small number, but with such a soft iob on hand Jack could hardly have expected to perform before more.

FIRPO WINS.

There were doubtless more customers at Buenos Aires on Feb. 24, when Luis Firpo, who took so many tumbles to Dempsey a few months ago and wants Jack to beat him a second time, engaged in a contest with a picked man. A picked man is usually one deserving of being chosen because of the ability he has, but in this case Firpo did the picking, and fighters as a rule don't look amongt the hard-to-beat men for opponents. Firpo's choice was a fellow named "Farmer" Lodge, and in the space of five rounds the latter made his exit, being knock-out out.

The Argentineans must have celebrated the victory of one of their own, and doubtless they will have the opportunity of rejoicing when Firpo meets Erminio Spalla in their midst, but if and when Luis goes against Dempsey again, their rejoicing is pretty sure to turn to sadness. There are plenty of people in South America who believe Firpo would have a good chance against Dempsey next time, because they are gullible and believed Luis when he said some little time back: "Dempsey's punch never impressed nor worried me." That's why Firpo was on the floor so often and the last time failed to get up in time to resume boxing. After hearing this from Luis one cannot think that his parents did well to give him the second Christian name of Angel

IS THE CARPENTIER-TUNNEY MATCH ON?

In the absence of confirmation from America that the match between Georges Carpentier and Gene Tunney, the American light-heavyweight champion, has been ratified, the story from the "Echo des Sports," Paris, to the effect that the meeting of the pair will probably take place in New York in June, and is likely to be organised by Billy Gibson, does not count for much. The French journal says no signatures have been exchanged, but Descamps has cabled accepting the conditions of the American organisers, and that Carpentier's purse for this match will amount to more than he has ever received for a match, with the exception of that with Dempsey.

It was doubtless from Descamps that the "Echo des Sports" obtained the above information, for Descamps, I understand, is part proprietor of the paper, and one wonders whether an offer to Carp. has really been made, as at the time of writing, according to news from New York, there is a likelihood that Mike McTigue will be forced to meet Tunney in the near future. A contract binding Mike to box the latter exists, and it is probable that the New York Boxing Commission will insist on McTigue boxing the Amrican champion. Now, with this match likely to take place, it is doubtful that an offer for a Carpentier-Tunney match has been made, as should Tunney lose to McTigue there would be no demand for such an event. The latest fom the "Echo des Spors" is to the effect that an interview between Descamps and the representative of Ted Rickard in Paris for the purpose of negotiating matches for Carpentieer and Ledoux in the United States, did not lead to any results, and Descamps now declares that he might enter into discussions with Rickard himself in New York, as he intends to leave for the United States with Carpentier, Ledoux and Fritsch immediately after Carpentier's match in Vienna with Arthur Townley.

McTIGUE AND STRIBLING.

McTigue, who has been trying to run out of the contest with Tunney, is reported matched with "Young" Stribling, the Georgia schoolboy boxer, for March 31, in Jersey City, N.J., but since this this news arrived from Savannah, Ga., Stribling has been defeated. He lost to a man named Slattery in a six rounds contest at Buffalo, New York, on Monday of last week, so perhaps the N.J. promoter will be disinclined to go through with the Stribling-Tunney event, which would be a return to to the bout the pair figured in some months ago in Stribling's home State, where his partisans tried to compel the referee, who declared the event drawn, to decide against McTigue.

SCOTLAND'S FLYWEIGHT "HOPE."

Next Monday night Elky Clark (Glasgow), the lad who impressed so favourably at the N.S.C. when he defeated Billy Morris (Birkenhead), is to reappear at the Club as a candidate for the English flyweight title and Lonsdale belt. He and Johnny Jones (Treorky) are to battle the best of fifteen rounds for the right to oppose "Kid" Kelly (Plymouth) next month for the title and trophy. The latter qualified to figure in the championship bout when he eliminated Ernie Veitch on Monday night, and as he has beaten both Clark and Jones the sportsmen of Plymouth are sanguine that he will follow in the footsteps of "Young" Symonds and Harry Lake by taking another Lonsdale belt to their town.

Of Clark and Jones, the Scot is the more fancied, for the reason that he gave a more convincing display to beat Morris last month than did Jones in mastering Frankie Kestrell. Morris was the

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IN THE RING AT 8.30.

JOHNNY CUTHBERT
Sheffield v
YOUNG FREDDIE WELSH
Pontypridd
Weigh-in 2 o'clock, 8st. 6lbs., under forfeit.
IN THE RING AT 7.45

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type of boxer to suit Clary, however, always coming in leaving himself open to leads and counters, whereas the Welsh lad is by no means as open. Johnny is not as strong as the Scottish "hope," though, and the probability is that the latter's heavier punch which he has boxing ability to land, will be the deciding factor. It may not bring the Treorky boxer to the floor for the count, but may serve to wear him down.

BILLY WELLS BEATEN AGAIN

Only in the last issue of the "Boxing World and Mirror of Life" the announcement was made that Billy Wells, the Bermondsey welterweight, had met with his s cond defeat at the hands of Dave Shade, nd on Feb. 26 a cablegram from Boston conveyed the news that on that date Billy lost to Pete Latzo on points in a ten rounds contest, which was keenly contested throughout, with Latzo owing his victory to superiority in defence and heavier hitting.

DUBLIN EVENTS.

Writing from Dublin, Mr. Jim Murphy informs me that he has arranged to stage four tournaments at the Rotunda in that city, the dates of which will be March 26, April 30, June 25 and July 23. For the first mentioned date he has secured as a top-liner a fifteen rounds international match, the parties to which are "Battling" Brannigan. representing Ireland, and Walter McLean, Tancy Lee's protege, and an ex-holder of the lightweight championship of Scotland. Supporting ten rounds events will bring together Pete Cullen (Dublin) and Bandsman Cullen, and Jack Phoenx (Dublin), who disputes Dave Magill's claim to the Irish light-heavyweight championship, and John Mahony (Cork), claimant to the Irish middlweight title.

Mr. Murphy is going to make an attempt to revive Irish wrestling (Collar and Elbow style), which has been negected for the past quarter of a century, on the same occasion as the above boxing event are down for decision. He also proposes giving four silver cups for wrestling championships, and says the first bouts for one of these trophies will be got through at the Rotunda in the 26th inst.

On April 30, at the same venue, Billy Gilmore (Belfast) is to defend his lightweight boxing championship of Ireland and the belt he holds emblematic of the title.

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AT THE RING.

JOHNNY CURLEY BEATS GEORGE HINDS.

George Hinds, the Tyneside featherweight, who has not often boxed in London, had an engagement at The Ring last Monday night, and in meeting Johnny Curley, of Lambeth, to box the best of fifteen rounds, he suffered defeat in the tenth session, though not as a result of he Londoner dealing a finishing punch. Curley, who believes he can make 8st. 6lbs. and be strong, was boxing at 9st., but even at that weight, and with a man easy to hit, he was not able to upset Hinds. The bout ended with the referee applying the closure, and the Northerner was well behind on points.

Practically all the time the men were in opposition Curley had matters too much his own way for the bout to be interesting. Hinds displayed little boxing ability, and he too was unequal to hitting with real sting, so with Curley collecting points round after round and not boxing very well the spectators had not much to enthuse over. Curley tried hard at times to bring his man down with the right when he sent to the jaw in following left leads and countering, but the most he could do was to unsteady the Tynesider occasionally. He had worn the latter down by the time the referee intervened, however, and perhaps he would have stopped Hinds eventually, but no good purpose would have been served by allowing Hinds to go on fighting a losing battle.

Surviving five knockdowns, Harry Kent (Camberwell) disposed of Harry Hughes (Walworth) with a right to the jaw in the sixth session of a ten rounds bout and in another ten-rounder Sam Steward (Greenwich) beat George Salter (Deptford) on points.

ERNEST TYNCKE BEATS TOM MALLINSON.

Ernest Tyncke, the Belgian welterweight, who has a habit of winning inside of the stipulated journey, was the successful chief contestant at The Ring last Saturday, when in a bout slated for fifteen rounds he went agianst Tom Mallison, of Leeds, who. though plucky and tough, was a beaten man in the fifth session, when the referee intervened. Tyncke, who has a good right hand punch, and depended on it almost solely, brought the Yorkshire boxer down no less than five times in the eighth round, and although Mallison got up well inside of the count the last time and objected to the referee applying the closure, it would have been useless for him to have continued.

Shorter than the Belgian, and outreached, Mallinson set out to force the fighting at the start, and he was able to send hooks to the face and body. Tyncke relied on his right, and landed it a few times, but at in-fighting Mallinson did the better, and when in the second round the Belgian tried left leads, which were light, the Leeds man countered with left and right hooks. The third was a give-and-take session, hard punches being exchanged, while in the fourth, when Tyncke outpunched his man for a time, he did so by boring and keeping him in a corner. Mallinson eventually got free, and was able to score with short-arm blows. At the fifth meeting Tyncke had a decided advantage for the first time. Rights he sent to the jaw unsteadied the Yorkshire boxer, and in the next round Tyncke again shook his man with rights, but Mallinson boxed with plenty of grit, and got a few useful half-arm body blows home. The seventh round went a little in favour of the Belgian by reason of his heavier hitting, and in the eighth round rights he sent to the jaw proved Mallinson's undoing.

Ten rounds contests resulted in Fred Brown (Birmingham) beating Johnny Gibbons (Bermondsey) on points; Dave Lang (Plaistow) outpointing Bert Saunders (Paddington); and Frank Browne (Paddington) causing Seaman Barry (Devonport) to retire at the end of the fifth essay.

CZECHO-SLOVAKIAN LOSES TO BILLY PRITCHARD.

Figuring in his first contest in England, Herman Cirol, a middleweight from Czecho-Slovakia, who a few weeks ago boxed a trial at the N.S.C., gave Billy Pritchard (Stalybridge) a hard fight over fifteen rounds at The Ring last Thursday night, and when the verdict went to Pritchard on points many of the spectators thought the foreigner untucky. The decision was given a mixed reception, and to our way of thinking no injustice would have been done had Cirol been returned the winner.

The latter is nothing like a polished boxer, but he was a persevering fellow, who worried his man almost from first to last. Pritchard did not give one of his best displays; in fact, after a few rounds he disappointed in not adopting hit-and-get-away tactics. His leads had little sting, and at close range he seldom hit as often as the Czecho-Slovakian, who hooked to face and body. Rights from the latter to the jaw shook the Cheshire boxer at times, and in the ninth session, when the only knockdown of the bout occurred, Cirol was the man standing up. He very nearly struck Pritchard while the latter was on his knees. The Englishman's leads seldom served to stand his adversary off, and very often Billy resorted to holding.

Harry Whybrow (Wandsworth) defeated Phil Clements (Gloucester) on points in a fifteen rounds "go," and a bout slated for the same journey resulted in Charlie Woodman (Battersea) beating Charlie Kemp (Paddington), whose second threw in a towel when Woodman had registered two knockdowns in the ninth session.

OUR NOTE BOOK.

JACK BLOOMFIELD'S DISAPPOINTMENT.—CARPENTIER AND A VIENNA HOAX.—INCOMPETENT REFEREES.— THE DOUBLE KNOCKOUT.—AN OFFICIAL WHO ALLOWED HIMSELF TO BE OVERRULED.—"FISHING" FOR INFORMATION.

Unless the match Georges Carpentier hopes to engage in with Gene Tunney, the American light-heavyweight champion, should fall through, Jack Bloomfield will have to stand by and await the convenience of the Frenchman. Bloomfield, believing Carp. would fulfil a promise he gave some time ago to give him a match round about May, expected a definite announcement would be made by Maior Wilson, who was to promote the match in London, but the latter has been unable to induce the Frenchman to get to business.

Tired of waiting for Carp. or his manager, Descamps, to come through with the assurance that the promise to box Bloomfield would be lived up to, Major Wilson and the English light-heavyweight champion went to Paris hoping to fix matters, but they were disappointed, for they learned that Carpentier had accepted an offer to go to New York and meet Tunney in June for a purse of £10,000. Bloomfield wanted to challenge the Frenchman publicly at the Ledoux-Mascart contest, but Descamps, who had a pull at the show, prevented the Englishman from being introduced.

We do not treat visitors from way in England, but it seems that the sporting public here should take a stand against Carp., who has come to think he is so high and mighty that he can treat Englishmen, be they promoters, boxers, or followers of the game, as so many boobs. In the past Carp. has postponed contests with our men just as he pleased, because he has been allowed to do so, and as he seems content to make a convenience of us, we should pay attention to other boxers and ignore him in the future After all, he only comes here for what he can get, and he has had plenty of easy money in the past.

It is a pity Major Wilson was satisfied with a verbal promise from Carp. or Descamps that Georges would meet Bloomfield. He must regret that when it was given he did not insist on a contract being signed, for he is now powerless to deal wit h Carpentier, who was spoken of by one English journalist about the time that he met "Battling" Siki, and fouled the latter as "a gentleman of France."

Carpentier has no excuse to offer for not going through with the match with Bloomfield. He doesn't leave for New York until May, so if he was not afraid to take a chance, he could tackle the Tnglishman late in April or early in May. Descamps, we are told, has said that he would be prepared to entertain thoughts of Bloomfield only providing the English boxer was willing to wait until Carpentier had met Gene Tunney in America. Now that's very nice of Mons. Descamps, and we presume that should Carp. get licked by Tunney he will still be willing to **oblige** Bloomfield for a nice sum contributed by English sportsmen.

Carp. doesn't want to meet Bloomfield and run the risk of losing the match with Tunney, but he is going to box once before sailing for America, and an Englishman is to be his opponent, a message having come to hand informing us that Georges has signed a contract to meet Arthur Townley in Vienna on April 17. What a nice "match!" Townley, if he has signed the contract, too, and we presume he has, should make a demand while there is yet time, for the ring-floor to be sprung and padded. The Austrians **are** in for a treat: and if they are hungering for a fight their appetites will be easily satisfied if they can make a meal of the hoax.

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A couple of weeks ago we wrote of boxing referees, and since then we have been present to witness the weakness with which one officiated for an Anglo-French contest, and heard of another, who by a stroke of good luck, avoided making a mess of things when in charge of a bout. There was very nearly a double knockout in the event the latter handled, one of the contestants getting up just in time to save the situation for the official, who gave him the decision. It occurred to a Pressman, who was a spectator, to ask the referee what he would have done had both contestants been counted out, and the reply the latter gave as "I don't know."

Under such circumstances, of course, any competent official would know what is the correct thing to do, but we are not surprised to learn that the referee in question was not aware of the fact that it would have been his duty to have declared the man who was ahead on points the winner, or if the scores were level, given a draw.

The rules tell us that "The referee shall decide all contests in favour of the contestant who obtains the greatest nomber of marks." therefore, there is no room for argument. Some people have the idea that a knockout wipes out all points, and that in the case of a double knockout the proper decision to render is a draw. But a knockout doesn't wipe out all points.

The points scored up to the time of a single or double knockout remain, and on these the referee's decision must be based. There is nothing like a knockout to equal a knockout, so when two men participating in one contest fail to resume boxing within ten seconds it is only fair that the verdict should go to the boxer who has earned the greater number of points.

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We have said we were not surprised to hear that the referee referred to above acknowledged he would have been in a quandary had he been required to give a decision on a double knockout, and this remark is made for the reason that when the kidney punch discussion took place at the N.S.C. following the meeting of the British Boxing Board of Control referees, he was uncertain how he would act if a boxer was knocked down by a punch on the kidney and disabled. It will be remembered that Jim Driscoll contended that the man down should be counted out, which, of course, would be quite wrong.

To our way of thinking, counting a man out who has been disabled by a foul blow is indefensible. Readers of the "Boxing World and Mirror of Life" have written to us expressing surprise that Jim Driscoll is in favour of such a totally wrong decision being rendered, and the following is contained in one of the letters rereived:—

"I read with interest your remarks in 'Our Notebook" in the current issue of the 'B.W. and M.O.L." on the subject of the kidney punch.

" If Jim Driscoll really believes that a blow with the knuckle part of the glove to the kidney is fair, he is but another illusrtation of the old saying that boxers make bad referees.

"Section 6 of the National Sporting Club rules distinctly shows that the uso of the kidney punch comes under the heading of the things for which a man may be disqualified. If we are not to go by the rules, why have rules at all?"

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We have made mention above of having been present when a referee sataisfied us that he was incompetent by proving weak. A Mr. W. Miller, who only recenly came into the game to officiate at the Hoxton Baths, London, is the man we have in mind. It was while in charge of the contest between Gaston Lafont. representing France, and Stanley GAL TWO—NOTE BOOK CON. Glen, at the hall mentioned that he proved quite unfit to officiate. He would have done the right thing had he insisted on rendering a decision in favour of the French boxer, when Glen was knocked out in the second round, and we may say he instructed the M.C. to announce that Lafont had won, but the announcer declined to carry out what was his dutv, and the referee, instead of getting up

and making his decision known, sat in the chair and allowed himself to be overruled.

An official with courage would have made it clear to all present that he would not be treated as a man without complete control, and when the timekeeper, on his own initiative, rang the bell for the men to resume boxing for the third round, it was quite wrong for the referee to allow the bout to proceed. He had made up his mind that Lafont had won; given him the decision, in fact, when he pointed to him and said to the M.C. Lafont is the winner, yet he made no attempt to interevene, when, in answer to the timekeeper's call, the men resumed boxing.

Somebody behind the referee at this juncture argued that it was right that the contest should continue, saying, Glen had been saved by time, but all in the vicinity had heard the timekeeper count him out, and we may say that as the second round had only just begun when Lafont knocked his man down, it was ridiculous to suggest that the bell had come to the Englishman's rescue.

Of the referee's weakness further proof was forthcoming when the contestants had gone as far as the fourteenth round, for he confessed to the representative of this paper that he did not know which of the contestants he should declare the winner if the fifteenth round was completed. Our representative saw that he was "fishing," and, deciding to help him out of his trouble, informed him that a decision on points in favour of Lafont would be the correct one to give. The latter had such a lead before the fifteenth round was entered upon that had the referee elected to stop the bout at the end of the fourteenth essay because it was impossible for Glen to win or tie, he would have done the right thing.

Mr. Miller, we may say, is not the only man who does duty as referee despite the fact that he doesn't know enough about boxing to pick a winner on points. We know of at least one other, a Mr. S. Nyman, who gets engagements because, when he officiates he does so gratis. Mr. Nyman is such a boxing "expert" that when refereeing he asks any member of the Press or boxing authority near him what decision he shall give. It is rough on boxers who are called upon to abide by the rulings of such an incompetent official, and Albert Lloyd, the Australian heavyweight, when he met Harry Gold (Ealing) at Fulham Baths last week in a twenty rounds contest, in charge of which was Mr. Nyman, had reason to feel that he did not get his due when at full distaance the bout was declared drawn. The Australian really won the contest by a wide margin of points, and he would have got the award had a competent referee, whom Mr. Nyman tried to "pump" at the expiration of nineteen rounds, been disposed to give him the information he sought. The man "sounded" was covering the contest for a London sporting daily, and his report wound up with the following: "The contest went to the finish, when, greatly to the surprise of the audience, a draw was declared."

It was an astonishing verdict, and no mistake, and the specttors expressed their disapproval by booing.

LIVERPOOL STADIUM.

"KID" MOOSE BEATEN BY STANLEY GLEN.

One of the few defeats "Kid" Moose (Southport) has suffered at the Liverpool Stadium came his way last Thursday night, when in a 15 rounds contest he met Stanley Glen (Bethnal Green) in a fifteen rounds contest, which went all the way The Londoner won by reason of his better left hand hitting at long range, which he got working well in the third essay, when Moose missed several times with swings. The next round opened with Glen scoring with snappy punches to the head, but when in tre fifth essay the pair had a tough set-to Moose quite held his own. In the sixth and seventh sessions Glen's left was a great asset, but he was down for a short count in the eighth from a punch to the head.

In the next round Glen swung a heavy right to the jaw and stabbed his left to the face in the eleventh, then Moose scored to the ribs at close quarters. Early in the twelfth Moose twice drove his left to the body, and, after a series of rights from Glen, whipped a right to the jaw. In the thirteenth Moose hit low, and received a caution. He was the more forceful for the rest of the journey, but hit wildly, and though the stronger at the finish, just prior to which Glen came down, he was behind on points.

In another fifteen rounds bout, "Young" Tilston (Chester) beat Billy O'Brien (Middlebrough) Early in the opening round O'Brien employed body punches, and later sent a hard left to the face. Tilston lost the round, and in the second missed repeatedly, whilst O'Brien punched to the ribs. In the fourth term Tilston sent his opponent down for a count of seven with a right to the jaw. The next round opened with O'Brien scoring repeatedly to the body, but towards the end of the round Tilston was the better. In the sixth and seventh O'Brien, though sending in body punches, was well outpointed. The eighth round was well contested, O'Brien scoring with lefts and rights to the head, and then coming down to a left hook to the jaw for a count of seven. In the ninth O'Brien sent a series of left punches to the face, but Tilston, with a right hook to the jaw, had the Middlesbrough man down twice. O'Brien was down again in the tenth round, and the referee stopped the bout in Tilston's favour.

In a ten rounds "go" Harry Williams (Rock Ferry) defeated Arthur Cameron (Liverpool) on points.

ROBINSON AND DOWNTON.

Corpl. Downton (Royal Marines) is to reappear on Thursday at the Liverpool Stadium, where he recently scored over Jim Carrol, and in Harry Robinson (Mexborough), who will be his oppenent in a fifteen rounds event, he will have a hard nut to crack. The Yorkshireman, who did not give of his best when recently outpointed by Bill Handley in London, may not be quite as good a left hand hitter as the marine, but he is the more strongly built, and may bustle Downton out of his stride and come through a winner. What should be a good supporting event will bring together Johnny Cuthbert (Sheffield) and "Young" Freddie Welsh (Pontypridd), clever lads, who are matched to box the best of fifteen rounds at the "bantam" limit.

AT THE N.S.C.

"KID" KELLY BEATS ERNIE VEITCH.

"Kid" Kelly (Plymouth), in scoring his second victory in the competition organised with the object of finding a new flyweight champion of Great Britain, demonstrated that he was too good for Ernie Veitch (Leamington) in a fifteen rounds event at the National Sporting Club last Monday. He won by a very wide margin of points from a lad who was always doing his best, but never able to keep pace with his clever rival, who had a sure left hand which he shot to the face almost as he pleased in each round

Veitch doesn't know nearly as much as the Westerner, but he was strong, and though outscored at a rapid rate, stuck to his task and tried hard to make an impression in dealing rights to the jaw. Kelly took chances in neglecting to anticipate counter strokes at different times, but he could afford to do this, as Veitch had not a damaging punch. The Plymouth lad's hitting was not particularly heavy either, and big efforts he occasionally made to bring his man down in sending the right to the chin were unavailing. His punches, the hardest he could deal, went well home, but Veitch kept plodding on

At some stages the "Kid" was practically all over his man. The speed and skill with which he boxed to land almost at will on the face and body left his man standing still, and several rounds inside of the limit the issue was a foregone conclusion

In ten rounds contests Arthur Scott (Westbourne Park) defeated Bert Morris (Birmingham) with a body punch at the fifth meeting, and Charlie Wye (Hoxton) outpointed Jacky Jones (Senghenydd).

RACING NOTES

THE LINCOLNSHIRE.

The market on the first big flat race of the season is a very poor one, and one cannot expect otherwise, when taking into consideration the small amount of work that has been done by the majority of the horses, owing to the continued hard state of the ground

At ppresent, in taking half-a-dozen against the field, we name Erehwemos, Morestel, Old Nick, Soval, Jarvie anad Crimson Dawn, whilst for the Grand National Steeplechase we select Silvo, Drifter, Fly Mask Max, Punt Gun and Taffytus as a likely lot from which the winner may spring.

THIS WEEK'S RACING.

Meetings will be held this week after we go to press at Manchester (Thursday) and Lingfield (Friday and Saturday).

The entries at both venues are well up to the average, and good sport should be witnessed both North and South.

The following should go clolse to winning their respective engagements:—

MANCHESTER—THURSDAY.

The Paddock Hurdle Race—
LEGEND.

The Lancashire Steeplechase—
ROYAL EDGAR.

The City Hurdle Race—
BENNETT'S SELECTED.

The Waterloo Steeplechase—
SOUTHEND.

The Knott Mill Hurdle Race—
DUDLEY.

The Irk Steeplechase—
THROWN IN.

LINGFIELD—FRIDAY.

The Orpington Steeplechase—
VOCALION.

The Lingfield Hurdle Cup—
FARIRAY.

The Buckhurst Steeplechase—
PHACO.

The Baldwins Hurdle Race—
TREBLE SCOTCH.

The Jerry M. Steeplechase—
LE CELLIER.

The Herontye Hurdle Race—
OLD NIC or VIC'S CHOICE.

LINGFIELD—SATURDAY.

The Thornhill Hurdle Race—
NIGHTINGALL'S SELECTED.

The Lingfield Steeplechase—
SUPER MAN.

The Juvenile Hurdle Race—
PARAMOUNT CHIEF

The Corinthian Steeplechase—
POOLE'S SELECTED.

The Penhurst Hurdle Race—
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The Lewes Steeplechase—
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GEORGE COOK WINS IN BERLIN

Though he is not the possessor of a very heavy punch, George Cook, the Australian heavyweight, was able to win by the knockout route when, on Friday last, in Berlin, he went against Giuseppe Spalla (Italy). He took the offensive in the first round, landing several lefts and rights to Spalla's jaw and body, but Spalla gave as good as he got. In the second and third rounds both men fought furiously, and towards the end of the third round Cook began to gain the upper hand. In the fourth Cook was again the aggressor, and often landed on his opponent's body. Spalla was now showing signs of weakening. In the fifth round Spalla recovered and got home a few uppercuts on Cook's jaw. This apparently stirred up Cook, who began to fight furiously, and in the sixth essay he fairly flew at Spalla, and got in several well-delivered punches to the body and face. Then a right dealt by the "Aussie" put Spalla down for the count.

LEN JOHNSON WINS.

Manchester boxing enthusiasts who were looking forward to seeing "Kid" Lewis in action against Len Johnson, the local middleweight, at Bell Vue Gardens, Manchester, last Monday night were disappointed. Lewis failed to put in an appearance to box the best of fifteen rounds with the coloured Mancunian, and his place was taken by Charlie Woodman, of Battersea, who after making a good stand, following a couple of knock downs early on, was a beaten man in the eighth round, when the referee intervened.

Another London boxer, Phil Richards (Aldgate), figured successfully in a fifteen rounds supporting event, well outpointing Tommy Atkinson, of Lancaster.

PLYMOUTH.

HARRY LAKE'S SECOND DEFEAT BY ANDRE ROUTIS.

Andre Routis, the holder of the French "bantam" championship, whom we wrote favourably of at the time that he defeated Johnny Chislett in making his debut in England, was successful again last Friday night when at the Cosmopolitan Gymnasium, Plymouth, he met Harry Lake, the ex-champion "bantam" of Europe, in a fifteen rounds contest. He had won on points from Lake on a previous occasion in a short bout decided in Paris, and the Englishman counted upon turning the tables, but, due perhaps to not having fully recovered from a recent attack of 'flu, Lake did not give of his best, and was adjudged the loser on points.

The match aroused plenty of interest in Plymouth, Lake's home town, and at the outset Routis, setting a fast pace, got to the face with left and right. Lake cleverly avoided a couple of swings, but seemed unable to get the measure of his opponent. Routis carried the fight to Lake with great determination, and in the fourth essay drove him about the ring. Three rounds later the Englishman had a rough time, and in the tenth Routis appeared to have him at his mercy on the ropes. He sent over right after right, but Lake withstood the punches, and came out into the middle of the ring, where the Frenchman had to accept left jabs to the face. Lake showed some of his best form in the fourteenth and outfought Routis and was smart at a distance now, but the Frenchman continually worked to close range, where he drove hard to the body and jolted to the chin. Lake was fighting with more vim but the latter was on top again in the next essay and won.

In the other bouts Bill Burt (C.B.C.) beat "Young" Evans on points; Nobby Short (C.B.C.) beat Phil Judd (C.B.C.) also on points.

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AMATEUR AFFAIRS.

OLD GOLDSMITHS' OPEN COMPS.

Members of the promoting club were not amongst the winners when of last week the Old Goldsmiths' B. and A.C. held their 25th annual open competitions and a couple of six rounds contests. G. Morris and E. D. Skinner, representing the club in the contests, were outpointed by R. Stichbury (Clapton Federation B.C.) and E. K. Lucas (Hays Wharf B.C.) respectively, and C. Stacey (Old Goldsmiths'), though only called upon to box once in a 10st. 8lbs. comp., was defeated on points by T. Beyer (Gainsford) B.C.). In a 9st. Intermediate event, won by W. Wakeling (St. Pancras B.C.), W. Wise (Old Goldsmiths') was beaten by latter in a round after having won one bout, and J. R. Petken (Old Goldsmiths') failed to survive the first series of an 11st. 4lbs. novices' comp., which was won by V. C. Phillips, an unattached boxer.

VESTA BOXERS MISSING.

It is rather strange that when a boxing tourney orgnised by the Vesta Rowing and Boxing Club was held at the Stadium Club on Tuesday of last week, not a single representative of the promoting club did duty. The programme carried out was made up of a 10st. 6lbs. open novice and a 7st. 12lbs. open novice competitions and two six rounds bouts, and in the events last mentioned J. A. Major (Liverpool St. B.C.) beat A. Sugarman (Fulham B.C) in the second round, and F. J. Hulks (St. Pancras B.C.) beat F. Batten (Caius B.C.) on points. Of sixteen starters for the flyweight comp., J. Mann (Limehouse, Poplar and District B.C.) was the successful competitor, via four victories on points, while the "welter" novices' first prize fell to J. Jeffrey (Polytechnic B.C.), who won three bouts.

HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION WINS.

At the Town Hall, Oxford, last week five of seven Oxford University-Army contests decided were won by 'Varsity boxers, amongst whom were E. P. F. Egan, holder of the A.B.A. heavyweight title, who will not box in the championships this year at Alexandra Palace, and the Marquis of Clydesdale. The former had to go all the way to beat Lieut. Capper (R.G.A.), but the Marquis knocked out Capt. A. J. Jarman (Prince of Wales) in the first round.

THE MARQUIS A LUCKY WINNER.

The appearance of Capt. Jarman's conqueror in a six rounds contest drew a large company to the Baths at Hackney last Thursday, when the Eton Manor B.C. held their annual tournament. The Marquis should have met J. Elliott, of the Port of London Authority, but owing to injuries Elliott was unable to box, and A. Whitbread (Fulham B.C.) tackled the Marquis, who is a boxer of the tearaway type, and was hardly so accurate in his deliveries as Whitbread. The latter was often able to duck and counter with marked success, and a decision in favour of the Marquis after a brisk bout came as a surprise and was unpopular. Another interesting contest was that between H. E. Cox and J. Basham over six rounds, which ended in a win for the latter, a Columbia boxer, and E. Wood (Eton Manor B.C.) beat A. Holmes (Lynn A.C.) on points over six rounds. Another Columbian, H. Johnson, won an open comp., whilst P. Quinton, representing St. Pancras B.C., triumphed in a 12st. open intermediate event.

EDINBURGH CITY POLICE A.B.C.

Although little science was shown by the majority of the competitors, all the bouts staged in Lauriston Hall, Edinburgh last Wednesday evening under the auspices of the Edinburgh City Police A.B.C. were keenly fought out, and a sporting spirit was displayed by all contestants. Several of the events, though lacking in the finer points, were quite thrilling and gave the spectators present plenty to enthuse over. One or two of the bouts also provided a lot of amusement—some of the competitors (police)were in the ring for the first time, having practically no idea of boxing.

The Hutchinson trophy for novice teams from the different divisions was won by C Division, who also won the Tancy Lee trophy. W. R. Pratt (Eastern A.B.C.) and N. McHall (Eastern A.B.C.), the finalists in the open 9st. competition, gave a splendid display, an extra round having to be fought before the judges agreed, both boys receiving gold medals, this being the best bout of the evening. Other results were as follow:—

Hutchinson Trophy (welterweight) —W. Hill (D Div.) beat A. May (A Div. No. 2), 1st round; M. Livingstone (C Div.) k.o. R. Douglas (A. Div., No. 2), 1st round.

Middleweight.—E Donaldson (D Div.) beat W. Kirkwall (A Div., No. 1); C. West (A. Div. No. 1) k.o. J. Swan (C Div.), in third round.

Light-heavyweight.—H. Welsh (A Div., No. 1) beat G. Strathearn (D Div.), 1st round.

Heavyweight.—J. McColl (A Div., No. 2) beat V. Gibson (D Div.), extra round.

Tancy Lee Trophy.—Heavyweight: A. Aitchison (A Div., No. 1) beat J. McColl (A Div., No. 2), retired 1st round.

Middleweight.—G. Robertson (C Div.) beat C. West (A Div., No. 1), retired 1st round.

The referee at this tournament was Mr. John D. Cockburn, and the judges Messrs. W. F. Daniels and P. Skivington.

LEITH VICTORIA TOURNEY.

The Drill Hall, Forest Road, Edinburgh, was the venue of a tournament promoted by the Leith Victoria A.B.C. on Saturday last, and stiff bouts were seen in the competitions at 9st., 9lbs. and 10st. 7lbs. It was rather hard on R. Coyle, of the Melbourne, who had fought so well in the semi-final of the "welter" comp. with J. Gordon (Leith Victoria) to injure his hand and be unable to contest the final with D. McIntyre (Leith Victoria), who consequently had a w.-o. The final of the other weight was contested by A. Fryer and E. Henderson, both of the Leith Victoria, and resulted in an easy win for Fryer, who knocked his opponent groggy in the first round, with the result that Henderson's second threw in a towel.

J. Pryde (Eastern), who made his first appearance in the ring in the comp. won by Fryer, and who was conceding height, reach and weight, gave a very creditable display against a much more experienced opponent in J. Smart, and more ought to be heard of him in the future.

J. McKenzie (Leith Victoria), East of Scotland fly and bantamweight champion, scored a points victory over G. Kirkpatrick (Clydebank A.A.C), whilst W. White, Scottish feather and and East of Scotland lightweight champion, was a clever winner over J. Seeley (Glasgow A.A.C.), West of Scotland lightweight

TWO MIDLAND TITLES.

The heavyweight and flyweight amateur championships of the Midland Counties were decided in the gymnasium of the Metropolitan A.B.C., Saltley, Birmingham, on Saturday, in the presence of a large crowd. Only five of the 15 entrants for the flyweight event passed the scales, and amongst those who were too heavy was M. K. Allden (Tangye's A.B.C.), last year's winner.

F. Olney, the holder in the heavyweight division, defended his title and retained it by defeating two of four competitors. He beat T. H. Griffin (Birmingham A.C.) on points to get into the final with G. H. Gurley (Allied A.B.C.), who stopped T. Harrison (Sumner A.B.C.) in the third round Olney finally knocked out the Allied representative.

The flyweight title was captured by J. Fitzpatrick (Avery's A.B.C.), whose success in the final on points over W. James (Allied A.B.C.) was not very popular. In qualifying for the final Fitzpatrick beat A. Wood (Metropolitan A.B.C.), and James won on points from T. A. Hare (Edgbaston A.B.C.), and upon the winners coming together James had considerably the better of the early exchanges, but fell off in the last round, and Fitzpatrick was adjudged the winner of a close bout.

DAVE MAGILL DEFEATED.

Boxing in New York last Thursday night, Dave Magill, the Irish light-heavyweight champion, met with a reverse at the hands of Ad. Stone, an American light-heavy, in the eleventh round, the bout being stopped to save Magill from further punishment.

In a middle weight contest, Paul Berlenbach, written of in our last issue, knocked out "Young" Fisher in the sixth rounl, this being Berlenbach's twenty-sixth consecutive knockout.

PREMIERLAND.

MIKE HONEYMAN AND BILLY FARMER SUCCESSFUL.

Mike Honeyman (Custom House), the former champion featherweight, supplemented several recent successes last Thursday night at Premierland, Whitechapel, when in a fifteen rounds contest he went against "Sonny" Bird (Chelsea). He beat the latter on points in what was rather a disappointing contest, because there was more holding than boxing. Honeyman, usually a clever boxer, hit snatchily at long range, and Bird often got to close quarters, where the boxers held and slapped each other until the spectators, tired of waiting for some boxing worth looking at.

A much more interesting bout of the same duration was furnished by Fred Newberry (Limehouse) and Billy Farmer (Rotherham). Farmer, a newcomer to London, and but 20 years of age, acted as substitute for Frankie Burns, the Australian middleweight champion, who strained himself whilst training, and he was outscored by his more experienced opponent for the first seven rounds, but then boxed with capital judgment.

When in the fourth term Newberry floored his man with a left hook to the jaw, it looked as if he would win rather easily. But Farmer was not easily to be disposed of, and sticking out his left and using head and arms smartly in defence, he gave Newberry a lot of trouble in the second half of the bout. Improving as he went along, Farmer scored well with his left, and Newberry was all at sea in the closing rounds, after which the Yorkshireman was adjudged the winner on points.

HANDLEY LOSES TO BURNSTONE.

A bout scheduled for fifteen rounds which only went as far as the third session and then ended unsatisfactorily, was seen at Premierland on the 2nd inst. The men in opposition were Harry Burnstone (Middlesbrough) and Bill Handley), and the former won because Handley dealt a low punch.

In ten rounds contests Johnny Gibbons (Bermondsey), who was outpointed the previous evening by Fred Brown (Birmingham) at The Ring, beat Sam Blacker (St. George's), and "Young" Clancy (St. George"s) boxed a draw with Ernie Jarvis (Millwall).

ASH'S VICTORY OVER BUFF.

AMERICAN OUTPOINTED IN NO-DECISION BOUT.

By mail from Jersey City, under the date of Feb. 13, comes the following: Johnny Buff can whip Frankie Ash, flyweight from England, but he failed to turn the trick last night for two reasons: One being that he was very wild with his right hand, and the second was that he held back just a bit too long. Had Johnny started in the seventh or eighth round to go after the tiny lad from Great Britain, he stood an excellent chance to "take him." Instead he waited until near the end of the ninth essay before he commenced to fight in his real form. Johnny gave Frank quite a pasting in the tenth session, but it was too late to turn the verdict.

Ash, a lightning fast ring artist, punched all the time, and while the punches carried no power, they served to register boxing points. Ash was continually jabbing the former world's champion "bantam" in the face, Johnny being unable to get out of the way of this popping left, propelled by the Briton.

Buff's smashing left hook was missing. So was his powerful right. Buff had speed in the early rounds, but seemed to be tired during the middle part of the battle. In the ninth he began to fight in the way the local populace knows he can fight, but he had waited too long.

Ash is a typical British boxer, fast on his feet and tapping away all the time. He must have hit Buff a million times, more or less, last night, for boxing points. It was his jabbing that gained him the honours.

MOODY'S DEFEAT BY BOGASH

By "DOC" ALMY.

Boston, Feb. 6.—After putting up gallant battles, Frank Moody and Ted Marchant met defeat at the Mechanics Building in this city last night.

They thereby followed in the wake of Freddie Jacks, Ted Moore and Roland Todd, their countrymen, who recently lost here.

Moody went the distance of ten rounds, losing to Louis Bogash, of Bridgeport, the favourite, while Marchant, though fighting through the ten rounds of his bout, lost by a wide margin to Archie Walker, of New York.

Despite the night, and the weather was something fierce, and the prior defeats of British visitors here, there was a goodly turnout of the fans in expectation of seeing a worth-while battle.

The fans were not disappointed, particularly as regards the fray beteen Moody and Bogash, as it was the best of the international contests fought here this season. The Englishman showed that he is game, willing and tough, has a good left hand and a right with considerable kick in it. That defeat was the first sustained by Moody in this country, also the initial upset for him in nine contests, speaks for his ability.

But while he had plenty of assets, in fact made the best impression here of any of his countrymen, Moody was woefully lame at close quarters, and it was Bogash's short inside blows that did practically all the damage. Frank did much of the forcing and opened round after round with deft jabs to head, but he made the mistake of getting in close and seemed at a loss what to do when chest to chest with Bogash. Once in a while Bogash banged home a hard right to the ribs, but it was his uppercut that spelled defeat for the Briton. This punch drew the colour more than once from Moody's nose and mouth. In the fourth round Moody was on his knees for the fourth time for "six" as the bell clanged. Between the rounds he rallied wonderfully and came out strong in the fifth. Frank had the sixth round and evened the seventh. The tenth found Bogash tiring from the pace, and the Briton had the round by a heap of points..

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